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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jay Whitacre, et al.

Serial No.: 09/779,595

Filed: February 8, 2001

For: STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THIN-FILM
LITHIUM MICROBATTERIES

Examiner: John S. Maples

Group Art Unit: 1745

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 30, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are presented for the Examiner's consideration. In light of these amendments and remarks, it is believed that amended claim 20 and new claims 22-26 are allowable and prompt allowance of this application is therefore earnestly solicited.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 11 with the following:

Following the above, the structure is sealed in a dry environment by placing a glass cover over it and attaching with epoxy. More specifically, the structure is placed in a dry environment (< 1% humidity) to cool after the preceding step of forming the anode layer 20. The active anode/electrolyte area is surrounded with a bead of 5 minute epoxy 21. Care is to be taken here to assure that the leads from the anode and current collector are not fully enclosed by the epoxy

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment as identified below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS -----	• 27	• 21	x 6	x / 18.00	\$ 108.00	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS -----	• 4	• 3	x 1	x 84.00	84.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						192.00

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December 5, 2002
(Date)

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